I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT

prayers and praises of this hour can be either rote or filled with the joyful spirit of the living God -- it simply depends on the attitudes of our hearts.

Let us worship together in spirit and in truth!

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF LOS ANGELES

Pentecost Sunday **May 14, 1978**

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND INSTALLATION

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE ORGAN PRELUDE
THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered here to worship God, to renew our union with our Creator, our Savior, the living, loving Spirit of God.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, we are here to induct into the pastoral charge of this congregation The Reverend Jeri Ann Harvey. The call of this congregation has been placed in her hands and she has signified to the congregation her willingness to accept that call. We are here at the invitation of the congregation of the Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles and by its authority do now proceed to constitute and install her, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Pastor of this congregation.

Standing, the people join to sing
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN – "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
O my soul, praise You, for You are my health and sal-va-tion!
All those who hear, Now to God'd tem-ple draw near;
Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!

Praise to the Lord, who o're all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth.
Shel-ter me un-der Your wings, yes, so gen-tly sus-tain-eth!
Have not all seen How all their long-ings have been
Grant-ed in what God or-dain-eth?

Praise to the Lord, who does pros-per our work and de-fends us.
Sure-ly God's good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tends us.
Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can do,
When thru the Son, God be-friends us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore You!
All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore You.
Let the A-men Sound from Your peo-ple a-gain.
Glad-ly for yes we a-dore You.

THE INVOCATION

Almighty God, our God, who knows our hearts and minds beyond our understandings, help us to draw near to you this hour, that in celebrating the ministry of your church we might be filled with your spirit, that we might worship you who first loved us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people are seated for
THE WELCOME
THE GREETINGS

(Honored guests, gathered to celebrate the ministry of MCC-LA and welcome The Reverend Jeri Ann Harvey, are introduced.)

THE LITANY FOR THE MINISTRY

(L): The Lord be with you.
(C): And also with you.
(L): Let us lift our hearts and minds united in prayer to God.

(L): God the Creator,
(C): Have mercy on us.
(L): God the Savior,
(C): Have mercy on us.
(L): God the Holy Spirit,
(C): Have mercy on us.
(L): Holy Trinity, One God,
(C): Have mercy on us.
(L): We humbly pray that you will hear us, O Lord, and that you will send peace to the whole world, which you have reconciled to yourself by the ministry of your Son, Jesus.
(C): Lord, hear our prayer.
(L): That you will guide all in civil authority to establish justice and maintain it for all people.
(C): Hear our prayer, O Lord.
(L): That you will grant to your people the forgiveness of sin, and give us grace to amend our lives.
(C): Lord, hear our prayer,
(L): That you will lead every member of your church into his or her particular vocation and ministry to serve you in a true and godly life.
(C): Lord, hear our prayer,
(L): That you will raise up able ministers for your church, that the gospel may be made known to all people.
(C): Lord, hear our prayer,
(L). That you will fill them with compassion, and move them to care for all your people.
(C): Lord, hear our prayer,
(L): That you will bless your servant, Jeri Harvey, now to be given pastoral charge over this congregation, that she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your church, and glorify your Name.
(C): Lord, hear our prayer,
(L). Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Jeri, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR-ELECT

The Board of Directors stand before the Congregation and the Elders with the Pastor-elect and say

We have come together today to welcome Jeri Harvey, who has been chosen to serve as Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles. We believe that she is well qualified, and certify that she has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Elder says to the Pastor-elect

Jeri, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

The Pastor-elect answers, I do.

The Elder addresses the congregation

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Jeri in this ministry?

The people answer, We will.

The Elder responds

Let us then hear and learn from the sharing of the Scriptures.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Proverbs 3:1-7

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. Let not loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them about your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of others. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God and God will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

THE EPISTLE READING – I Peter 5:1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory.

The people stand for

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 9:35-38

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the Lord's harvest.

The people join in singing

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD – The Gloria

Glory to God in Christ our Redeemer,
Glory forever, sing praises on high.
Our strength through the ages,
Our hope and our glory,
Sing praises to the Prince of Peace for evermore. Amen.

As the people are seated, the Chancel Choir leads our worship singing, 'O God our Help in Ages Past', Festival Piece on Saint Anne's. The text is printed for your understanding and worship ease.

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all its souls away,
They fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal home!

An Elder shares God's word through

THE HOMILY

THE INDUCTION

The Pastor-elect kneels before the altar and is addressed by the Elder, answering in each case

Are you willing to take charge of this Church as its Pastor, in accordance with your acceptance of its call?

I am now willing.

Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?

I so believe and declare.

Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a Pastor to this Church, and will be careful to maintain a life, in so far as possible, in union with God?

With God's help, I do so promise.

The Pastor-elect is presented with various symbols of her ministry and responsibilities. The people respond in each case by saying in a loud voice, Amen!

Jeri, you stand before this congregation ready and willing to accept the burdens and responsibilities of a minister and pastor. Remember in all things that your strength is in Christ and not in yourself.

Receive this collar and be among your people as a servant of Christ, bound in His service through your answer to the call to the ministry.

AMEN.

Receive this Bible, and be among your people as one who proclaims with boldness the Word of God.

AMEN.

Receive these By-Laws and directives of the General Conference of this Fellowship and let them be a guide in the government and discipline of this Church.

AMEN.

Receive this stole, and be among us as a priest and a pastor.

AMEN.

Jeri, let all these be signs of the ministry which is now yours in this place.

AMEN.

In the name and behalf of Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles we do receive and acknowledge you, The Reverend Jeri Ann Harvey, as Minister and Pastor of the same; and in token thereof, give into your hands the keys of this Church.

The new Pastor shall say:

I Jeri Harvey, receive these keys of the House of God at your hands, as the pledges of my Institution, and of your parochial recognition, and promise to be a faithful shepherd over you; in the name of Christ our Lord.

The new Pastor kneels before the altar while the following prayers are offered in her behalf:

Most gracious God, our Creator, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, who of your wise providence has appointed various Orders in your church; Give your grace, we pray you, to your servant, to whom the charge of this Congregation is now committed; and so replenish her with the truth of your doctrine, and endue her with the innocency of life, that she may faithfully serve before you to the glory of your great Name.

Lord Christ, who has purchased to yourself a universal Church, and has promised to be with the Ministers of your Word to the end of the world; Be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of she who is now installed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to you in this house, which is called by your Name. May the words of her mouth, and the meditations of her heart, be always acceptable in your sight.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray you, our Congregation with your love and favor; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth, increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of your great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Elders shall lay on hands and pronounce this blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The new Pastor, yet kneeling, will present her supplication for herself, in this form

O Lord, my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit, and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your Holy Sacraments, and by life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me clearness and brightness of your Holy Word, that all of the world may be drawn into your blessed Kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Elder presents the new Pastor to the congregation, saying

Greet your new Pastor.

The new Pastor then says to the people

(L): The peace of the Lord be always with you.

(C): And also with you.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

THE OFFERTORY

As the offering is received, the choir leads in worship with the anthem, 'I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee, O Lord', from Psalms 57:10-12. The text is printed for your understanding and worship ease. The preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion continues with the offertory as the people's gifts are received for the purpose of sustaining the work of the Church and to symbolize our offering of ourselves to God. Representatives from the congregation bring the people's tithes and offerings to be placed on the altar.

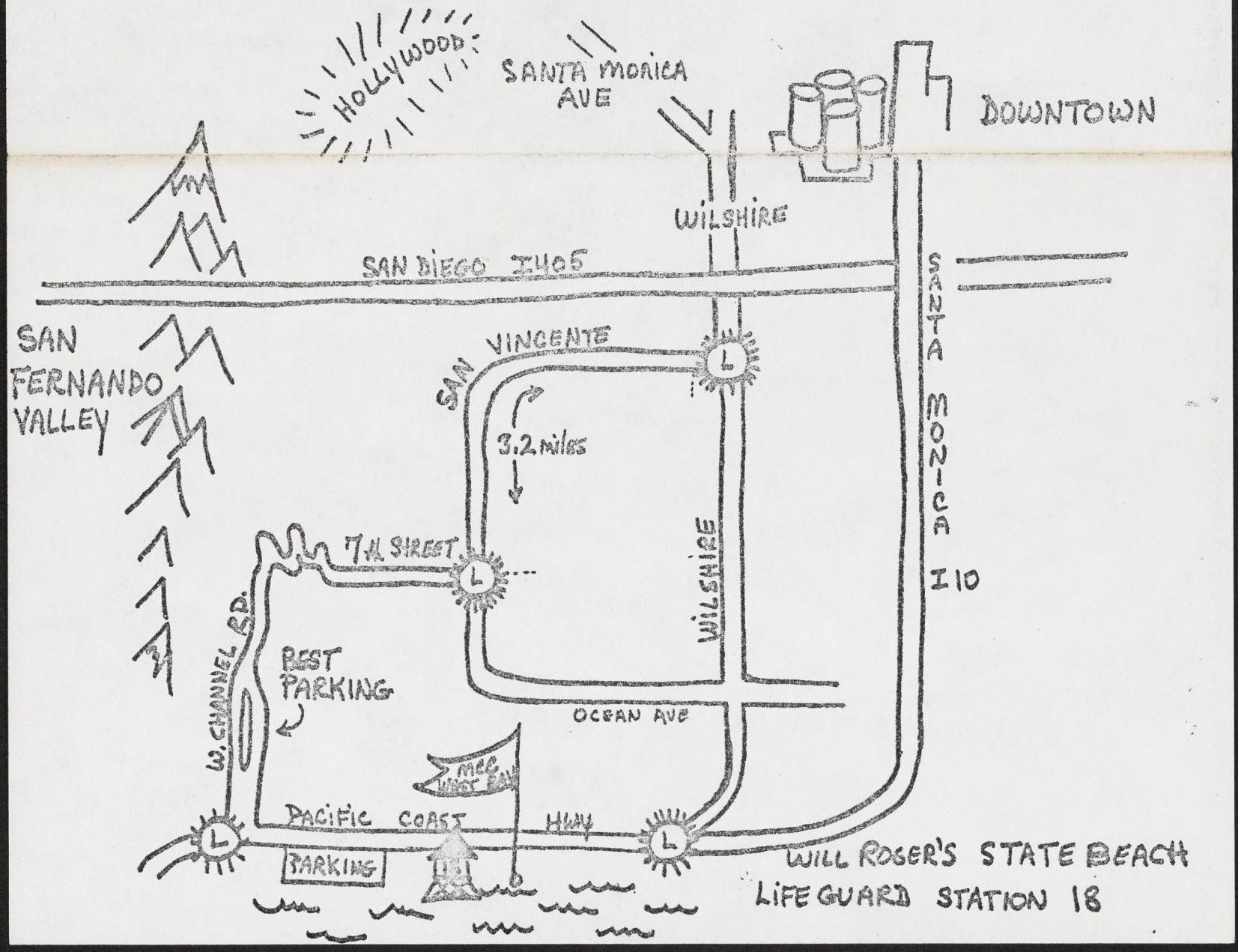
I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord,
Among the people;
And I will Sing unto Thee, O Lord, Among the nations.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

INTERCHURCH PICNIC AND WORSHIP

Sunday, May 14, 1978 Interchurch Activities will begin at MCC–Los Angeles, 11:00 a.m. with the installation of their new Pastor, Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey. The Interchurch picnic will begin at 1:00 p.m., joining together MCC churches in the Los Angeles area for food and fun. The Worship Service will begin at 6:30 p.m., immersion baptism and re-dedication will be offered.

DIRECTIONS: The picnic site is Will Roger's State Beach near the Lifeguard Station 18 just off the Pacific Coast Highway at the intersection with W. Channel Road and Pacific Coast Highway. Take the tunnel and turn left. Look for the MCC-West Bay banner.



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BRING YOUR TOYS - WE'LL SUPPLY
~THE FOOD~

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1 COLD DRINK

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The greatness of Thy mercy doth reach unto the Heavens

Set up Thyself, O God, above the Heavens
and Thy Glory above all the earth.

Amen.

THE SILENCE – *as we prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, let the people silently share their hearts with God.*
THE GENERAL CONFESSION – *recognizing that we are bound together and united as the Body of Christ, let us join in prayer*
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy: Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be: that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The celebrants continue with the Eucharistic prayers

(L): The Lord be with you.
(C): And also with you.
(L): Lift up your hearts.
(C): We lift them to the Lord.
(L): Let us give thanks to the LOrd our God.
(C): It is right to give God thanks and praise.
(L): It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great Shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his Apostles to preach the Gospel, and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the age; Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Choir will continue with the singing of the Sanctus

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayers.

Then the celebrant says

(L): Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
(C): Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Metropolitan Community Church has an open Communion, which means that you need not be a member of this church to be welcomed to the Lord's Table. We ask only that you come to God through faith in Jesus Christ. The Communion lines on the piano side of the church are grape juice — La linia de communion en Espanol se encuentra en la ultima linia de la derecha. All people are asked to remain seated until directed to communion lines by the ushers. If you choose not to come forward, please pray quietly for those around you, respecting their need for communion with God.

As the celebrants receive communion, the people will join in singing The Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord, We Praise You; Alleluia
Lord, We Thank You; Alleluia
Lord, We Love You; Alleluia
ALLELUIA; ALLELUIA!

The Minister will lead
THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food and drink of your Son, our Savior, and for uniting us through Him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Jeri Harvey may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

As the people stand, the Benediction is given by the Pastor, The Reverend Jeri Ann Harvey.

The congregation is requested to remain in at their seats until the clergy have exited. The Recessional is played by the musicians.

You are invited to greet the Pastor during the reception to follow in the lower social hall.

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Special flowers in front of the altar this morning were donated in memory of a Son, Christoffer.

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. . . . . OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN CHRIST . . . . . .

Sunday:	10:45 am	Singspiration
	11:00 am	Morning Worship Service
	5:30 pm	Servicio in Espanol
	5:30 pm	Exhorter Training Session
	7:30 pm	Evening Worship Service
Tuesday:	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehersal
	7:30 pm	Gays Concerned
	8:30 pm	AA-AT Discussion Meeting in Lower Social Hall
Wednesday:	6:45 pm	Holy Communion Service in the Chapel
	7:30 pm	Praise and Prayer Service
Thursday:	7:30 pm	Deacon's Training Class
	7:30 pm	Gospel Choir Rehersal
Friday:	8:00 pm	Growing American Youth

FLASHES FROM THE SWITCHBOARD May 14, 1978
by, Rusty O'Neill

May 14,	Installation of new Pastor. There will be a reception following the morning service at which time you will have the opportunity to meet with The Rev. Harvey.
May 20,	Seminar on "The Future Structure of the UFMCC", led by Mr. Al Smithson and The Rev. David Farrell, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, at MCC Long Beach (785 Junipero Avenue). An opportunity to dialogue with these members of our Fellowship's Government Structures and Systems Commission. Especially important for clergy, Boards of Directors, and lay delegates to attend. Cost – $10.00; registration at 9:30 am. Sponsored by Samaritan Theological Institute.
May 20,	Beth Chayim Chadashim presents a Disco-Dance, in conjunction with the Third Annual International Conference of Gay Jews. Saturday, 8:00 pm 'til midnight, at Leo Baeck Temple, 1300 N. Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, 90049. $3.00 in advance – $3.50 at the door. For more information call (213) 559-0320.
May 21,	Special Congregational Meeting, immediately after the morning worship service.
May 21,	There will be a board meeting at 2:00 pm in the Pastor's office.
May 26,	District Conference.....Friday night through Sunday, May 26-28 at MCC in The Valley.
June 4,	Sunday School will start at 10:00 am.
June 7,	"Crusade for Christ" during Women's week, June 7-9th.

Samaritan Theological Institute, MCC's lay and ministerial training school, is looking for inexpensive housing for its out-of-state students. Any members or friends of MCC in the Los Angeles area who could offer a room and possibly meals to a student for the 1978-79 school year (free, or for a minimal cost), are requested to please contact the STI Dean, The Rev. Jeff Pulling at (213) 2127, or write POB 5570, LA, 90055.

URGENT!!! Any one interested in working with the Publications and/or Advertizing Departments, please see Brandy Kelly or call her at 461-8111, 636-9523, or 636-1827.

Breakfast is being served before the morning service, and lunch is being served after the morning service in the lower social hall. Why not join us?

If you have a prayer request, please sign in the Prayer Book located in the church lobby – Thanks

All departments wishing to have public advertizing, please see Brandy Kelly at least 1 MONTH in advance. 636-1827 or 636-9523.

The Deacon's Closet still needs your help. Please bring canned goods each week week and drop them into the barrel in the church lobby.

There will not be a class tonight on the Theology of 1st Corinthians due to the special services. Why not read 1st Corinthians chapters 11 and 12 sometime this week and plan to attend next weeks class.

There will not be any Sunday School this week, please bring the children to the Pastor's Installation service.

Daniel Berrigan
Cesar Chavez
Daniel Ellsberg
Allard Lowenstein
Eugene McCarthy

Harry Chapin
Arlo Guthrie
Richie Havens
Holly Near
Tom Paxton

Don't forget to save your bingo slips and drop them in the offering plate for the Organ Fund.

FINANCES

	Deposit	$2756.00
	Expenses	2556.00
	Balance after Expenses	200.00

5 [1] Doy mi consejo ahora a los ancianos* en las congregaciones de ustedes, ya que yo soy anciano como ellos y testigo de los sufrimientos de Cristo, y también como ellos voy a tener parte en la gloria que va a aparecer después. [2] Cuiden como pastores* a las ovejas* de Dios que están bajo su cargo; háganlo de buena voluntad, como Dios quiere, y no por obligación, ni tampoco por ambición de dinero. Hagan su trabajo de buena gana, [3] no como si ustedes fueran los dueños de los que están a su cuidado, sino procurando ser un ejemplo para las ovejas. [4] Así, cuando aparezca el principal Pastor, ustedes recibirán un premio glorioso que no será como las coronas de hojas que se marchitan.

[35] Jesús recorría todos los pueblos y aldeas, enseñando en las sinagogas* de cada lugar. Predicaba la buena noticia del reino* de Dios y sanaba toda clase de enfermedades y dolencias. [36] Al ver a la gente, sintió compasión por ellos, porque estaban afligidos y desanimados, como ovejas* que no tienen pastor*. [37] Entonces dijo a sus discípulos:

—En verdad, la cosecha es mucha, pero los trabajadores son pocos. [38] Por eso, pidan al Dueño de la cosecha que mande trabajadores a recogerla.

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